



# MacBook Air 13" Early 2014 Microphone Replacement

Replace the Microphone in your MacBook Air 13" Early 2014.

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## INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the microphone.



### TOOLS:

- [P5 Pentalobe Screwdriver Retina MacBook Pro and Air](#) (1)
- [T5 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)



### PARTS:

- [MacBook Air 13" \(Mid 2013 to Early 2015\) Microphone](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Lower Case



- **Before proceeding, power down your machine. Close the display and lay it on a soft surface top-side down.**
- Remove the following ten screws:
  - Two 9 mm P5 Pentalobe screws
  - Eight 2.6 mm P5 Pentalobe screws
- The special screwdriver needed to remove the ten 5-point Pentalobe screws can be found [here](#).

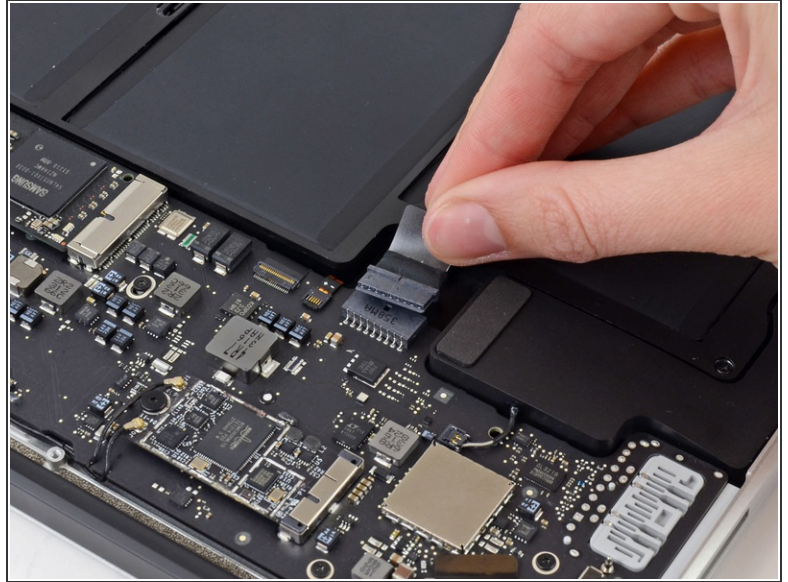
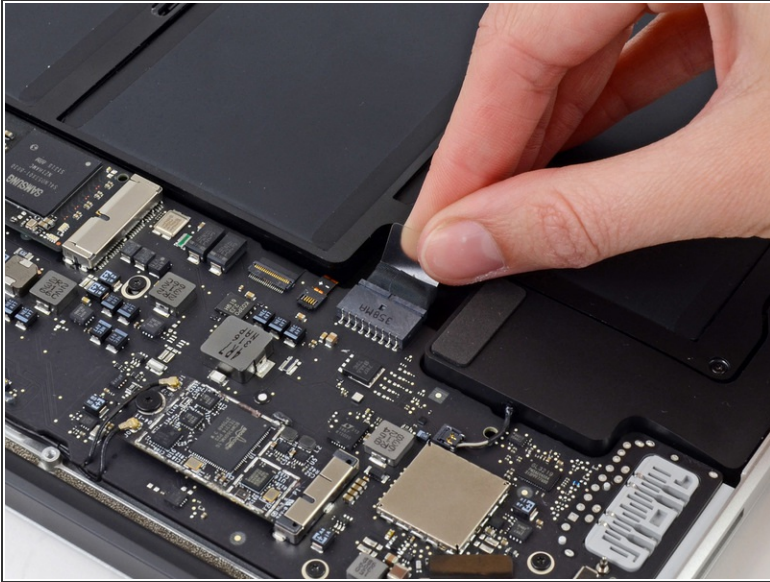
## Step 2



- Wedge your fingers between the display and the lower case and pull upward to pop the lower case off the Air.
- Remove the lower case and set it aside.



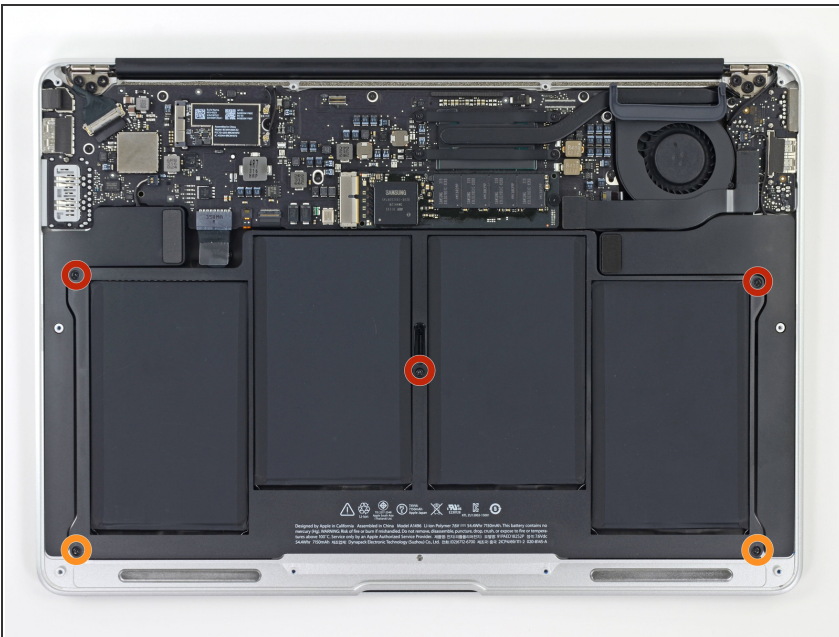
## Step 3 — Battery



- Grab the clear plastic pull tab attached to the battery connector and pull it toward the front edge of the Air to disconnect the battery from the logic board.

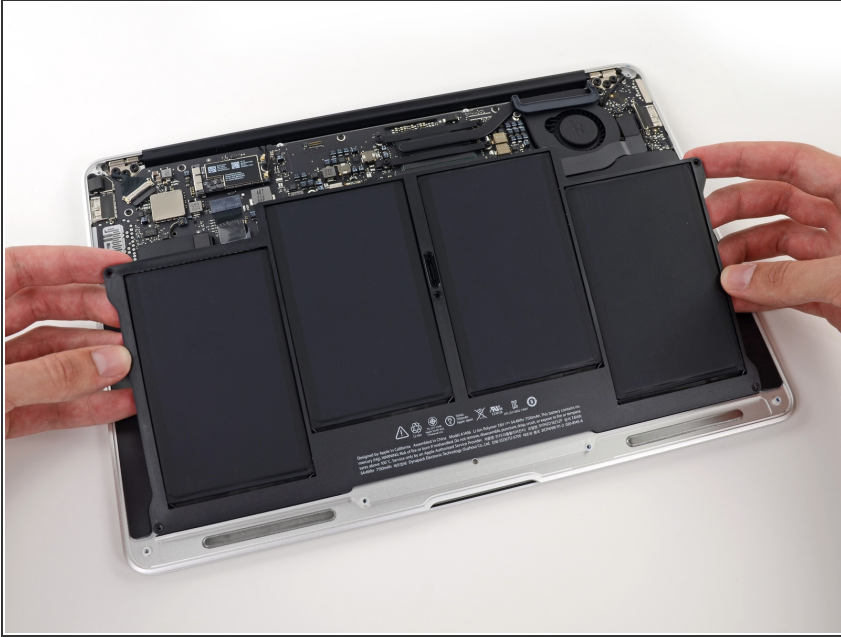
⚠ Do not lift upward on the connector as you disconnect it.

## Step 4



- Remove the following five screws securing the battery to the upper case:
  - Three 6.3 mm T5 Torx screws
  - Two 2.4 mm T5 Torx screws

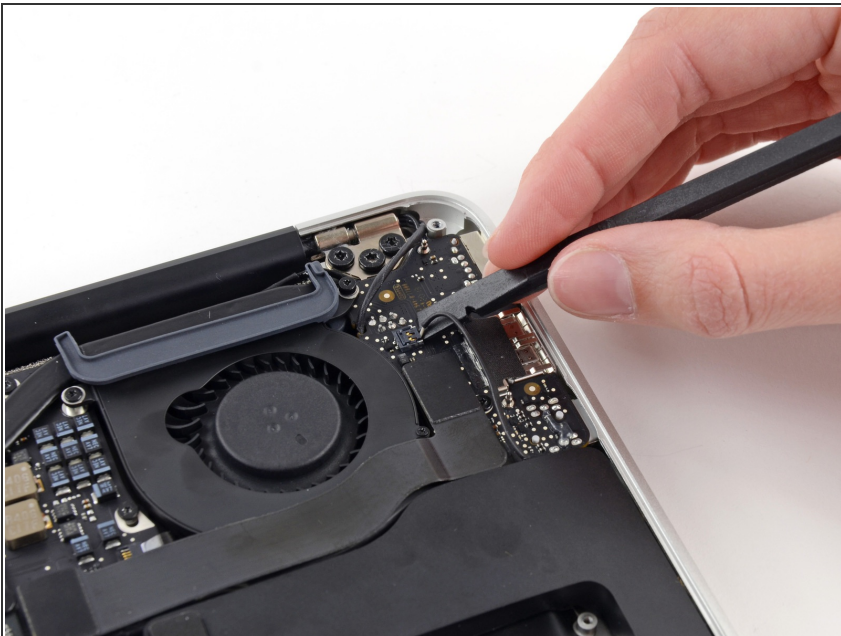
## Step 5



**⚠** When handling the battery, avoid squeezing or touching the four exposed lithium polymer cells.

- Lift the battery from its edge nearest the logic board and remove it from the upper case.

## Step 6 — Left Speaker



- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the left speaker cable connector up and out of its socket on the I/O board.

**i** Pry up from beneath the wires.



## Step 7



- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the left speaker off the adhesive securing it to the upper case.
- Remove the left speaker from the upper case.

## Step 8 — Microphone



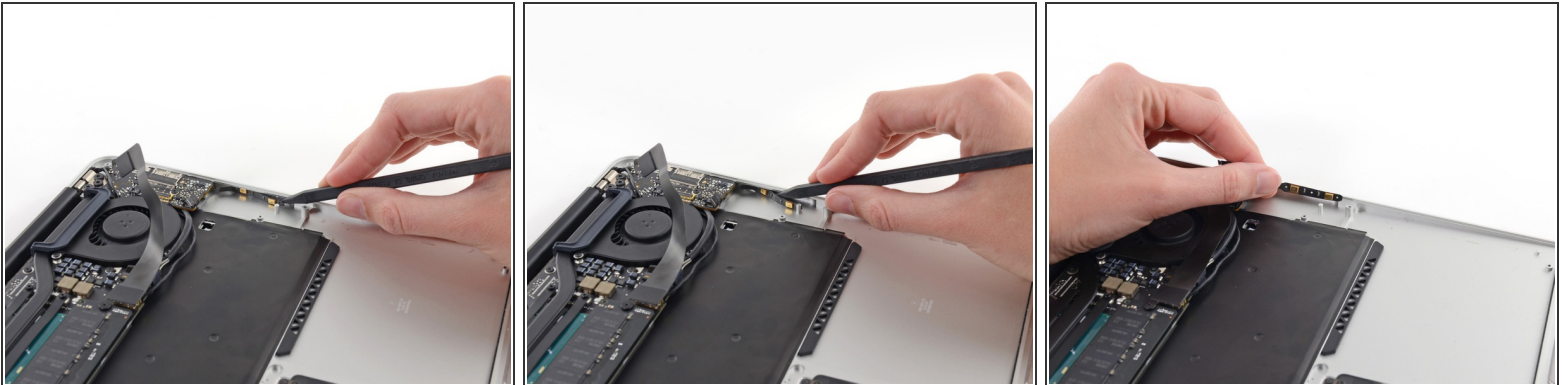
- Use the flat end of a spudger to pry the I/O board cable connector up out of its socket on the I/O board.
- ⓘ You do not need to remove the I/O board cable, simply bend it out of the way.
- Carefully peel, but do not remove, the I/O board cable off the adhesive securing it to the top of the fan.

## Step 9



- Use the tip of a spudger to carefully flip up the retaining flap on the microphone ribbon cable ZIF socket.
- ⚠ Make sure you are flipping up the retaining flap, **not** the socket itself.
- Carefully push the microphone ribbon cable straight out of its socket on the I/O board.

## Step 10



- Use the tip of a spudger to pry the microphone off the adhesive securing it to the left side of the upper case.
- Remove the microphone from the upper case.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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